



Deliverable 5.1

Report of created interaction channels between farming actors

VALMEDALM: Valorization of Mediterranean Almond orchards through the use of intercropping integrated strategies

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1. Executive Summary

The Deliverable 5.1 - Report of created interaction channels between farming actors, describes the interaction channels with farmers and associations organized during the 48 months of the VALMEDALM project by the partners. During the project, several visits and field trips, seminars, workshops and conferences were organized by the VALMEDALM partners in the different countries to promote knowledge transfer and training for local farmers using demo sites as points of exchange. Moreover, these activities intended to promote and develop collaborative work methodologies and initiatives towards farmers using intercropping practices. All the activities performed was disseminated in the social media and VALMEDALM website.

Also, to exchange information among other farmers, associations, and others different actors, and give access information about the results obtained during the project, such best practices, experiences, economic, social and environmental impacts the results obtained were disseminated in social media and website of the VALMEDALM projects, as well as in the IWRM action Hub and WEFE4MED platforms.

2. Training and knowledge activities

During the 48 months of the VALMEDALM project, the partners organized 7 visits and field trips, 5 seminars, 4 workshops and 1 conference to promote knowledge transfer and training for local farmers using demo sites as points of exchange.

2.1. Visits and Field trips to demo site

- Visit of Portuguese farmer to the Morocco demo site located in Ain Taoujdate in November 2023. This visit count with the presence of 5 farmers.



- Technical visit to Portuguese demo site Corujas, Macedo de Cavaleiros on 17 June of 2024. Twelve people (farmers and researchers) participated in this activity.



- Field Trip to the Croatian demo site located in Brač island, in October 2024. Participation of the Portuguese, Italian and Moroccan partners.



- Field Trip to the Italian demo site located in Agrigento, Italy in June 2025. In this field trip participated approximately 70 persons. The Israeli partner Dr. Shelef, and his MSc student Jonathan Fireman, participated in this visit and shared insights with their peers in Israel.



2.2. Organization of Workshops and Seminars

- The importance of Mediterranean cooperation – The case of VALMEDALM” organized in Khenifra, Morocco 14 November 2023. In this event participated approximately 50 participants.



- Workshop “Almond Cultivation with Intercrops” that took place in Trilj, Croatia on December 15, 2023, organized by the UNIST. This workshop participated more than 15 peoples.



- Pruning workshop in Croatian demo site for 3rd year students who learned about the project and helped with measuring and pruning the plants. This workshop took place in February 2024.



- *Visita Técnica e Seminário* in Alfândega da Fé, Portugal, organized by CNCFS on 8 March 2024.



- Workshop and technical visit to Portuguese demo site Corujas, Macedo de Cavaleiros organized by CNCFS and MORE on 17 June of 2024. Twenty-five people (farmers and researchers) participated in this activity.



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WORKSHOP
Local: Sede da Junta de Freguesia de Corujas
Coordenadas: 41°36'5,53"N 6°58'24,73"W

**17 de junho
10 h**

10h00
Recepção dos participantes

10h30
Apresentação do projeto VALMEDALM: Valorization of Mediterranean Almond orchards through the use of intercropping integrated strategies (MORE Colab)

10h45
Demo site implementados no projeto VALMEDALM e principais resultados - Portugal (CNCFS)

11h00
Coffee break

11h30
Visita técnica ao demo site português

Organizadores:



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Projeto	Local	Coordenadas	Superfície	Valorização	Valorização
VALMEDALM	Corujas	41°36'5,53"N 6°58'24,73"W	10 ha	Valorização	Valorização
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- Technical seminar on research and innovation in almond that took place in Mirandela, Portugal on 2 June of 2025, organized by the CNCFS, with approximately 15 participants.



2 JUNHO 2025

SEMINÁRIO TÉCNICO
INVESTIGAÇÃO E INOVAÇÃO EM AMENDOAL

Local: Auditório Grande da Escola Superior de Comunicação, Administração e Turismo (ESTCAT - Mirandela)

14:30h Sessão de abertura

14:40h Desafios Europeus no panorama da sustentabilidade e que estão a moldar o Triângulo do Almond?

15:00h Novos desafios e o progresso de valores integrados - Desafio Almond (Próspero, António Pedro Nunes)

15:00h O desafio da água no contexto da investigação Almond Próspero e a coligação dos valores integrados

15:20h Pleno

15:30h Aplicações práticas e a inovação no setor do Almond em Portugal?

15:50h Epidemiologia, sintomas, e mobilidade regional - Sessão Almond (Próspero, António Pedro Nunes)

16:10h Encerramento

Participação Gratuita

Organização:                    

- Seminar and Field Trip in Agrigento, Italy in June 2025, organized by UNIPA. In this seminar participated approximately 50 participants.



- International Seminar VALMEDALM Open Day, that took place in Mirandela, Portugal on 18 May 2026. In this seminar 40 people participated (public entities, researchers, farmers, and associations).



- Technical workshop “Innovative fruit production systems in the Mediterranean” that took place in Dugopolje, Croatia on May 28, 2026, organized by the UNIST, with the participation of approximately 25 peoples.



2.3. Organization of Conferences

UNIST organized the 1st International Congress for Sustainable Ecosystems in the Mediterranean Area that took place in Split, Croatia during 2-3 of October 2024.





2.4. Platform to share knowledge and expertise

VALMEDALM project has been disclosed in the VALMEDALM social media (Facebook, Instagram and X), VALMEDALM website (<https://valmedalm.org/>) and in *IWRM Action Hub - Integrated Water Resources Management* and WEFE4MED – Mediterranean Water, Energy, Food, Ecosystems Nexus Community of Practice platforms. These platforms are important to share knowledge and expertise about their implementation experiences and bring relevant stakeholders together to improve the way water is managed around the world. VALMEDALM project is available in the following links:

- <https://iwrmactionhub.org/case-study/mediterranean-valorization-mediterranean-almond-orchards-through-use-intercropping>
- <https://wefe4med.eu/demo/valorization-mediterranean-almond-orchards-through-use-intercropping-integrated-strategies>

In addition, the VALMEDALM project was frequently cited at conferences and academic teaching with active farmers participating. These occasions were not necessarily focused on the project per se. However, intercropping in almond orchards was recognized as part of endeavours to promote sustainable agriculture by diversification. For example, in Israel, the project is presented in an academic course ("Diversity in Agriculture") at Bar Ilan University, and in the annual meeting of the Annual Conference for Science and the Environment.

3. Conclusion

This deliverable reported all the activities developed by the VALMEDALM consortium to promote knowledge transfer and training for local farmers and develop collaborative work methodologies and initiatives towards farmers into the Mediterranean countries.